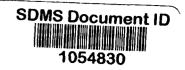


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Mr. Mike Black Friends of the Animas PO Box 3443 Durango, CO 81302

Re: Durango Smelter ARRs

Dear Mike:

Enclosed are the Analytical Results Reports (ARRs) you requested for work performed late last spring at the Durango Lead Smelter and the Durango Copper Smelter sites in southwestern Colorado. Based on the reports, a No Further Remedial Action Planned (NFA) decision has been filed in the Superfund database (CERCLIS) for the Durango Copper Smelter site, and site file remains open for the Durango Lead Smelter site under this program. My decision logic for the Durango Lead Smelter site is attached.

I invite your thoughts on whether the reported detections at the Lead Smelter site are of significance to you, a stakeholder in this area. Your knowledge of the river, the area, and the history here may help us determine whether further action is required in this case.

Please call me with any comments or questions about these reports. I can be reached through our switchboard at 1-800-227-8917 extension 6082, or by direct dial at (303) 312-6082.

Sincerely,

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